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Prominent among the papers giving special attention to the subject of Peace, though not distinguished as peace papers, may be mentioned *Le Devoir*, Guise, France; *La Paix*, Paris; *Il Secolo*, Milan; *The Echo*, London; and the *Christian Neighbor*, Columbia, S. C.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

The Senators have been wrestling mightily with the Tariff during the flowery month of May. Four hundred amendments to the Wilson Bill have been made, so that the measure is now a sort of Wilson-McKinley mulatto. The puzzle is to guess what color it will have when it passes. Wool and sugar and pig-iron have all been flying freely about the Senate chamber and the Committee room, and worthy Senators have been squirming and dodging and getting knocked down from their original positions in all sorts of ways. It is understood that the Republicans have decided to use every means in their power to prevent the measure from passing, believing that no other course is honorable for them.

The New York Constitutional Convention met at Albany on May 8th, with one hundred and seventy-one members. Mr. Joseph H. Choate was made President. After some preliminary work the Convention adjourned till the 22d of May, to give time for making up the Committees. Many important subjects are to come before the Convention, among which are municipal self-government, the protection of the purity of the suffrage, equal suffrage for men and women, the protection of the common school system, and the prevention of over-hasty legislation. The last New York Constitutional Convention was held in 1867.

The most sensible and discriminating article on the Coxey movement which we have seen is one in *The Independent* for May 17th, by A. Cleveland Hall, of Johns Hopkins University. In order to study the movement at first hand, he went into the "army of the commonweal" before it reached Washington and spent much time with it subsequently. He found the commonwealers not tramps and bums, but "for the most part unskilled, uneducated workmen; men just above the tramp class, who are the first to suffer during times of financial depression and the last to regain employment." Most of the four hundred men whom he found in the camp when he first visited it were youthful, "showing few signs of physical degeneracy," mostly were evidently serious men. In two days he heard but one man swear, and chickens and turkeys were wandering about the camp, with little danger of getting into the pot.

The banner of the "Army" had a picture of Christ and bore the motto: "Peace on Earth, Good-will to Men," "But Death to Interest on Bonds." He found that

Marshall Browne believed that portions of the soul of Christ were reincarnated in himself and Mr. Coxey, and the rest in the souls of thousands of the people. The movement he considers essentially socialistic and in opposition to the idea of individual responsibility. The Coxeyites are "firm believers in the power of Congress to make them all happy by the issue of sufficient paper money."

Mr. Hall saw the procession on Labor Day and the events on the Capitol grounds, and he believes that the "army" behaved much more sensibly than the Washington police. Thousands of other people were violating the law as much as Coxey, Browne and Jones. "Laws must be obeyed, and the police must prevent their being broken; but there must be no discrimination of persons, no interference with the rights of American citizens, or the result will be many converts to the cause of socialism, evolutionary or revolutionary." "A club will subdue one man, but it will recruit one hundred for the cause he represents."

In company with Browne and Jones, Mr. Coxey was found guilty of trespassing on the Capitol grounds and was fined \$5.00 and sent to jail for twenty days. The "army" has evacuated Washington and gone into camp in Maryland.

The South Carolina Supreme Court has declared that prohibition is in force in that State, and that licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors can not be granted under present law.

More earthquake shocks have occurred in Greece and a severe earthquake in Venezuela has destroyed two cities and many villages and occasioned the loss of many lives.

Delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Hawaii were chosen on May 3d. They are all annexationists. The outlook is said to be favorable for peace.

In response to an invitation given by some of Massachusetts representative men at the time of the Naval Parade in New York last spring, the British men of war, the *Blake* and her consort the *Tartar*, visited the Bay State on May 24th, proceeding to Halifax on the 28th. This is the first time in forty years that a British war ship has dropped anchor in Boston harbor. There was great rivalry between the citizens and the officers as to the display of curiosity on the one hand and courtesy on the other. But the award was unanimously given to the genial officers, who, although their patience must have been tried to the utmost, never once failed in a more than ample display of courtesy.

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